

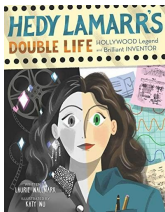
# Cocheco Readers' Award Nominees 2020



## **Zeus the Mighty: The Quest for the Golden Fleas**

By Crispin Boyer

Welcome to the Mount Olympus Pet Center, which sits high on a hill in Athens...Georgia. Meet Zeus, a tiny hamster with a mighty appetite for power. His cage sits atop a high shelf so he can watch the other pets from above. But being king of the gods is a tough job!



## **Hedy Lamarr's Double Life**

By Larie Wallmark

Hedy Lamarr was a glamorous movie star, widely considered the most beautiful woman in the world. But in private, she was something more: a brilliant inventor. And for many years only her closest friends knew her secret.



## **Wondrous Rex**

By Patricia MacLachlan

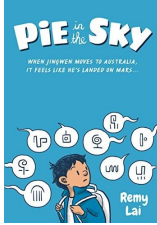
Grace's aunt Lily is a writer. She works with words every day and teaches Grace interesting words like "melancholy" and "delirious." But Lily's stories don't go anywhere and her office is a mess! Lily posts an ad for an assistant. The next day, Grace opens the door, and there is Rex: a Labrador retriever who will change Grace and Lily's lives forever.



## **This Was Our Pact**

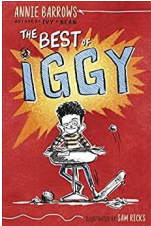
By Ryan Andrews

It's the night of the annual Autumn Equinox Festival, when the town gathers to float paper lanterns down the river. Legend has it that after drifting out of sight, they'll soar off to the Milky Way and turn into brilliant stars, but could that actually be true?



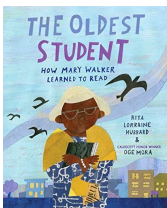
## **Pie in the Sky** By Remy Lai

When Jingwen moves to Australia, he feels like he's landed on Mars. School is torture, making friends is impossible, since he doesn't speak English, and he's stuck looking after his (extremely irritating) little brother, Yanghao. He turns to baking to help him get through.



## **The Best of Iggy** By Annie Barrows

Meet 9-year-old Iggy Frangi. He's not a bad kid, he's really not. Okay, so he's done a few (a few is anything up to 100) bad things. And okay, he's not very sorry about most of them. No one ever gets hurt except for that one time, that one time when the Best Idea Ever turned into the Worst Idea of All Time.



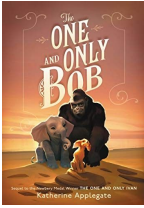
## **The Oldest Student: How Mary Walker Learned to Read** By Rita Lorraine Hubbard

In 1848, Mary Walker was born into slavery. At age 15, she was freed, and by age 20, she was married and had her first child. By age 68, she had worked numerous jobs. At 114, she was the last remaining member of her family. And at 116, she learned to read.



## **Jaclyn Hyde** By Annabeth Bonder-Stone

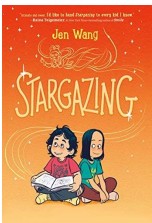
Jaclyn Hyde is almost perfect. Then she finds a batch of Perfection Potion in an abandoned Laboratory. The potion turns her into Jackie, an alter-ego who is anything but perfect.



## **The One and Only Bob**

By Katherine Applegate

Bob sets out on a dangerous journey in search of his long-lost sister with the help of his two best friends, Ivan and Ruby. As a hurricane approaches and time is running out, Bob finds courage he never knew he had and learns the true meaning of friendship and family.



## **Stargazing**

By Jen Wang

Moon is everything Christine isn't. She's confident, impulsive, artistic. But after Moon moves in next door, these unlikely friends are soon *best* friends, sharing their favorite music videos and painting their toenails when Christine's strict parents aren't around. Moon even tells Christine her deepest secret: that she has visions, sometimes, of celestial beings who speak to her from the stars. Who reassures her that earth isn't where she *really* belongs. Moon's visions have an all-too-earthly root, however, and soon Christine's best friend is in the hospital, fighting for her life. Can Christine be the friend Moon needs, now, when the sky is falling?

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